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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU
TO /SECSTATE WASHDC 8556
INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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PEACE CORPS FOR DR. PAYTON FROM PCD HEALEY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: N/A
SUBJECT: CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER

1. INTEREST IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAWYER CONTINUES WITHIN GOL.
HOWEVER, NO WRITTEN REQUEST RECEIVED AS YET, DESPITE PCD'S LETTER
ASKING FOR SUCH. PCD MET MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS APRIL 7, 1978
TO ASSESS SITUATION. MINISTER STILL DESIRES PCV, AND WILL SPEAK
TO PRIME MINISTER OVER WEEKEND OF APRIL 8 - 9, 1978.

2. PCD WANTS TO FILL THIS REQUEST IF FOLLOWING CONDITIONS CAN BE
MET:

A. JOB DESCRIPTION BY GBL (NOT YET RECEIVED) WHICH CLEARLY
ESTABLISHES THIS POSITION AS ADVISORY, NON-OPERATIONAL AND
TECHNICAL WITHIN THE LAW OFFICE.

B. THAT PC/W REITERATES IT HAS NO INTENTION PC WILL DIRECTLY
PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS OF GOL AND THAT THIS PCV WILL SERVE
IN THE SAME CAPACITY AS THE BRITISH LAWYERS NOW ON STAFF AT THE
LAW OFFICE.

C. CLEARANCE FROM PC GENERAL COUNSEL ASO SEEMS INDICATED.
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D. PC/W RECRUIT HAS TALENT AND KNOWLEDGE OF DUTCH/ROMAN AND
BRITISH/AFRICAN LAW. THIS PCV MUST COME TO LESOTHO WITH A TRULY
OPEN MIND AND BE WILLING TO HANDLE HERSELF-HIMSELF WITH DIGNITY.

2. PCD DOES NOT WANT TO FILL THIS REQUEST IF ALL ABOVE CONDITIONS
ARE NOT MET. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, PC/L, WITH DR. PAYTON'S

SUPPORT, JOINTLY WITH EMBASSY, WILL REGRET OUR INABILITY TO MEET THIS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED REQUEST. PCD FEELS THAT THE LAW OFFICE COULD BE HELPED BY A VERY GOOD, INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN LAWYER, WHICH PRESENTLY EMPLOYS BRITISH EXPATRIATES. PCD KNOWS THAT AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND CHARGE HAVE RESERVATIONS BASED ON LONG-TERM RISKS OF U.S. INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PCD FEELS THAT A REQUEST BY THE PRIME MINISTER SHOULD BE HONORED. PCD WILL DO THE NEEDED GROUNDWORK. CAUTION IS DEFINITELY NEEDED, WITH CAREFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. COPY OF PCD'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER C.D. MOLAPO COMING BY POUCH.

4. THIS IS A DELICATE PLACEMENT, PCD/L AND PCD/W NEED TO PROCEED VERY CAREFULLY.

5. CHARGE'S COMMENT. EMBASSY HAS RELEASED THIS MESSAGE WITHOUT COMMENT ON CONTENTS. EMBASSY WILL COMMENT BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM ON POLITICAL/DIPLOMATIC ASPECTS AND POSSIBLE SHORT AND LONG-TERM EFFECT ON GOL-US RELATIONS OF PROPOSED PLACEMENT. STOKES

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